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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC

Sirs:

For the past several months, since we signed-up for Indiana's Telephone Privacy Protection program, my family and I have finally been able to enjoy the peace of our home at night without dinner interruptions by unwanted telephone calls from telemarketers making unsolicited and annoying offerings. Since its implementation, we went down from about 5 to 6 calls every night (always at dinner time) to no calls at all and we truly appreciate this remarkable result.

I have now learned that this level of protection may be in danger of been lowered by the FCC in an attempt to create a nationwide plan which would allow any former provider of services or any company that considers me a customer to contact me at home at their discretion and I am writing to you to urge you to please not allow this to happen.

In my opinion, whatever proposal the FCC is considering to implement nationwide should not lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy protections since the only result produced by this law has been a good one: it has dramatically improved the quality of our family time together at night and loosing this would be quite a terrible loss for us all.

I would in fact argue that if quality of family time were of any value to the FCC, you should consider adopting Indiana's Telephone Privacy law nationwide. Doing so would send a clear message to every American family that you truly value our privacy and our family time.

I sincerely hope you take my comments into consideration

Sincerely,

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